

C3 wherein the particulate filler has a small surface area compared to the volume of the particulate filler.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended or added to conform with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. By action taken here, Applicants in no way intend to surrender any range of equivalents beyond that needed to patentably distinguish the claimed invention as a whole over the prior art. Applicants expressly reserve all such equivalents that may fall in the range between Applicants' literal claim recitations and combinations taught or suggested by the prior art.

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1. A gasket comprising: Gasket having at least one metallic layer including ~~in which~~ at least one gasket opening and at least one bead ~~are formed~~, and ~~in and/or adjacent to the bead a coating is applied as~~ a deformation limiter including ~~which comprises~~ at least one filler in particle form and one bonding agent, wherein a ~~characterised in that~~ the mass proportion of the filler is greater than a ~~the~~ proportion of bonding agent ~~and the filler is present in particle form, and~~ wherein each particle of filler has ~~the individual spherical particles having~~ a small surface area in relation to a ~~the~~ volume of the particle.

21. A method ~~Method~~ of manufacturing a gasket comprising ~~having~~ at least one metallic layer, in which at least one gasket opening and at least one bead are formed, and in ~~and/or adjacent to the bead a coating is applied as a deformation limiter, the method comprising:~~

applying ~~characterised in that~~ a mixture containing at least one filler and one bonding agent ~~is applied to a metallic layer (1, 4), wherein a~~ the mass proportion of filler being greater than a ~~the~~ proportion of bonding agent, wherein ~~and~~ a filler in particle form is used, and wherein each particle has ~~the individual particles of which have~~ a small surface area in relation to the volume of the particle; and hardening the applied coating ~~(2) is hardened.~~